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Examiner:	D. Fenstermacher)
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Title:	Oil Pan For Automobile Engine)
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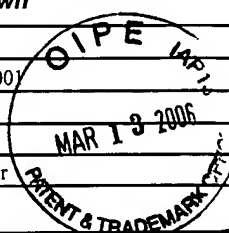
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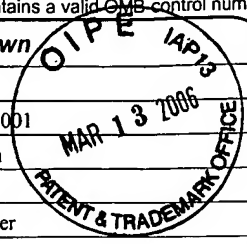
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